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## U.S. Consul General Visits Tabuk

On May 16, U.S. Consul General Tatiana C. Gfoeller visited Tabuk as part of her ongoing steps to reach out to a variety of constituencies in the Kingdom. The Consul General met with members of the Tabuk Chamber of Commerce to discuss economic conditions in the region and its potential for development. In addition, Gfoeller and the Chamber members explored ways to involve U.S. business in the area as well as how to better promote local companies in the U.S.

Following this meeting, Prince Fahad bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, governor of Tabuk, welcomed the Consul General for a wide-ranging exchange of views on Middle Eastern affairs. They both emphasized the importance of establishing links between new educational institutions in the region and U.S. universities.

"I congratulated the Governor on the tremendous progress made in this region under his administration," said Gfoeller. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to increase U.S. economic interaction in Tabuk. I am impressed with Tabuk's touristic potential, especially in the archaeological sphere land, and will certainly visit again."